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IN RE APPLICATION OF: John Burwell, et al.

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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRESSURE TESTING STORAGE  
TANKS

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**AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated November 4, 2002, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claims 1, 3, 14-18 and 20.

Please amend the claims as follows:

2. (Amended) The storage tank of Claim 21, wherein the sealing dome includes a flanged end sized to accept the riser and wherein the sealing dome is positioned with the flanged end over a top end of the riser.

4. (Amended) The storage tank of Claim 2, wherein the first surface of the fillet is adjacent to an edge of the flanged end of the sealing dome and the fillet has a third surface connected to the first surface and the second surface.

6. (Amended) The storage tank of Claim 21, wherein the riser is comprised of fiberglass.